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# Be a Cheerful Giver

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY THERE ARE COLLECTIONS AT MASS? WHAT IS THE MONEY USED FOR? WHAT ARE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SPORTS OR OTHER CLUBS USED FOR?



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY STATES THAT JEWS WERE TO GIVE ONE TENTH OF THEIR EARNINGS TO GOD? AND THAT CATHOLICS TODAY ARE STILL ASKED TO TITHE TODAY? DOES THAT SEEM LIKE A LOT? DISCUSS YOUR OPINIONS

WATCH JACKIE FRANCOIS ANGEL EXPLAIN TITHING IN THIS HER VIDEO: "WHY WE TITHE" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



What realisation did Jackie have at age 18 that led her to begin tithing?



What does the word tithe actually mean?

What are Catholics required to assist with (*rather than simply looking at percentages*)?

What three T's does Jackie mention that we can give?



THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH ARE THE MINIMUM EFFORT WE MUST MAKE IN PRAYER AND IN LIVING A MORAL LIFE.

- [CLICK HERE TO SEE THE 5 PRECEPTS](#)
- [ALSO CHECK OUT CANON LAW 222](#)

Why does Jackie think our money is the hardest one for us to part with? What do we **not** trust? Do you agree?



Name two practical steps Jackie and her husband Bobby make to tithe?

What kind of things should Catholics *\*discern* in relation to tithing?

Why do you think God cares whether we give cheerfully or not? Why does it matter?

*\*Discernment:*  
a decision-making process that honours the place of God's Will in our lives.  
[Click here to learn more!](#)



# BE A CHEERFUL GIVER!

MARK 12:38-44

## THINK ABOUT THE THREE T'S!

- **Time:** How much free time do you have each day, each weekend? How do you spend this time? Could you put some time aside to get involved in your parish, or with a charity?
- **Talents:** What are the things you enjoy doing? What are your skills? Is there a way you can put these to use for the good of others, not just yourself?
- **Treasure:** What money do you have? Do you have a job and you are earning? Do you get pocket-money, or earn money for doing chores at homes? How do you spend that money? Can you put some aside each week?



BRAINSTORM

What practical suggestions can you make for someone your age to get involved in their parish and local community? Check out the Pope John Paul II Awards for ideas too if you're aged 16-18, or your local parish website/newsletter to see what is going on, or maybe what could be started!



## Now Read Mark 12:38-44



We see in this passage the attention Jesus pays, not just to the smallest acts, but more so to the intention behind them. Some tithed large amounts, and made sure everyone saw them, yet this money was surplus to their needs anyway. The humble widow dropped her small offering in, even though it was all that she had to live on, yet she did it with a generous heart. God sees the heart, not just the outward appearance. Check 1 Sam 16:7.

Can you imagine the trust that widow had, that God would still provide for her, when she had nothing left? If you have time, compare this story with 1 Kings 17:10-16 and reflect on how God is never outdone in generosity; He will never abandon us. He's a loving Father who provides for His children. Let's pray for that confidence in faith!



## CAN YOU REMEMBER THE THREE TRADITIONAL PRACTICES CHRISTIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOCUS ON DURING LENT?

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MISSION!

TAKE SOME TIME THIS WEEK TO EXAMINE THE THREE T'S IN YOUR OWN LIFE. PRAY, ASKING GOD TO SHOW TO YOU HOW YOU CAN DEVELOP A MORE GENEROUS HEART, ONE THAT TRUSTS MORE IN HIS LOVING CARE. REFLECT TOO ON HOW ATTACHED YOU ARE TO MATERIAL THINGS; ARE THERE SOME THINGS IN LIFE YOU DON'T ACTUALLY NEED AND CAN DO WITHOUT? (HOMEWORK DOESN'T COUNT!)



PRAYER TIME!

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen. - **St Ignatius of Loyola** -



## CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON HAVING A GENEROUS HEART FOR GOD



- [Better](#) (Pat Barrett)
- [I shall not want](#) (Audrey Assad)
- [I will offer up my life](#) (Matt Redman)
- [Prayer for Generosity](#) (St Peter's Prep Vox Alumni)
- [I surrender](#) (Lincoln Brewster)
- [Take my Life](#) (Chris Tomlin)
- [Your Promises](#) (Elevation Worship)
- [The Blessing](#) (Kari Jobe)

Click the links for the YouTube videos to listen to some suggestions!



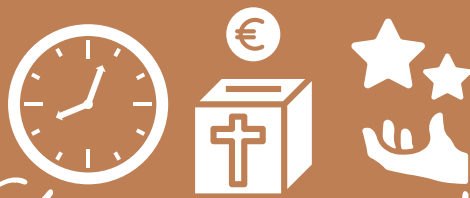
**Do you really trust God?** (Fr Mark Mary)  
Ascension Presents



**Revive: All or Nothing** (the Life of Sr Clare Crockett)  
Ascend YM / Holy Family Mission

# SEIZE THE DAY

## Cheerful Giver: Weekly Record

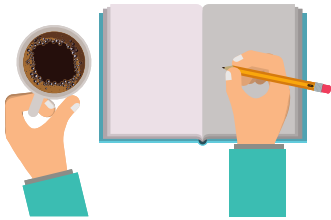


MARK 12:38-44



TO HELP YOU REFLECT ON THE THREE T'S IN YOUR LIFE, KEEP A RECORD THIS WEEK OF HOW YOU SPEND EACH OF THE FOLLOWING. AT THE END OF THE WEEK, SEE IF THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT ANYWHERE!

*"There is no place for selfishness and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice"*  
St John Paul II



JOT DOWN ACTIVITIES AND AMOUNT OF TIME OR MONEY SPENT

	MY FREE TIME	MY MONEY	MY TALENTS /SKILLS
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

REMEMBER TO ASK GOD TO BLESS YOUR WEEK AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A CHEERFUL GIVER!

- ASCEND YOUTH MINISTRY (DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE) -